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EAST TIMOR FUND-RAISING APPEAL

'Please help us represent East Timor in Nairobi'

Emilia Pires, 24, lives in Melbourne. She is a graduate from Latrobe University and works as a financial counsellor with the Aboriginal Legal Service.

Ines de Almeida, 22, lives in Sydney and works in the NSW public service. She is a founding member of the Sydney East Timorese Cultural Centre.

Mimi Ferreira, 30, lives in Darwin. She is a teacher. She was a guest speaker on East Timor at the Christian Conference of Asia Youth Assembly in New Delhi, India, in 1984.

Funds are urgently needed to help three East Timorese women refugees, now resident in Australia, to attend the International Women's Forum to be held in Nairobi, Kenya, July this year.

The Forum is being held in conjunction with the United Nations World Conference to mark the close of the UN decade for women. The purpose of Forum '85, organised by the International Committee of Non-Government Organisations, is to bring together people with varied backgrounds from around the world to exchange information, learn from each other's experience and plan for action to improve the situation of women after 1985. The Forum theme is Equality, Development and Peace.

The three women plan to offer a series of workshops during the Forum on the situation in East Timor and the need for the international community to support the right of the East Timorese people to self-determination.

Endorsing the appeal, the Australian East Timor women's committee, Tulun Feto Timor Sira, writes:

'We appeal to all Australians, and women in particular, who share our concern for East Timor, to contribute generously to this appeal. As women are often singled out for particular abuse in war, so the experience of the East Timorese has been shocking, and we feel it is important for these issues to be raised at Nairobi. Too often the East Timorese have suffered the neglect that silence imposes. The contact with other women who have shared in similar experiences of oppression can only encourage and support these women in their work for their sisters in East Timor.'

The Appeal target is $9000.00.

Contributions should be made payable to East Timor Tour Committee, and sent to:
East Timor Tour Committee,
183 Gertrude St, Fitzroy Vic. 3065 Australia.

I/We wish to contribute to the cost of sending three East Timorese women to Nairobi.

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Amount $_____